

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0025] Turning now to Figure 6, the interrelationship of the various components of the bearing assembly 10 will be described in greater detail. The first and second bearings 30, 34 are mounted onto the shaft 18 between the rotating component 20 and a shaft shim 70. The shaft 18 extends through the inner races 44, 44' of the first and second bearings 30, 34 and is supported for rotation therein (also illustrated in Figure 7). The inner races 44, 44' are rotatingly and axially fixed to the shaft 18. The first and second bearings 30, 34 are spaced apart from one another by the shim 40 mounted therebetween.

Please delete the following paragraph contained in the Brief Description of Drawings section, located after paragraph 0014:

~~Figure 7 is a perspective partial sectional view illustrating the planar spring.~~